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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stipulated any time limit for the poverty alleviation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce some new schemes aimed at poverty alleviation more effectively during the Tenth Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (c) As per the estimates of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) thepoverty ratio for 1999-2000 is 27.09% in rural areas and 26.10% for the country as a whole. In the draft approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), reduction in poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012 has been targeted. The Ministry is implementing two major programmes of poverty alleviation in rural areas of all the States / UTs except Delhi and Chandigarh. These areSampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for creation of wage employment andSwarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for self employment for families living below the poverty line.

(d) & (e) The Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and the Swarnjayanti GramSwarozgar Yojana (SGSY) are being continued in the Tenth five year plan.